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Dear Gary (and Mary) and Paul,

At a little after 1 p.m. New Orleans time Moo phoned me today. This is the first time I've heard from him since Charlie Ward quit, when Moo said they'd been chewing over the idea of having me down there. His call was inspired by the letters, of which I'd sent you copies.

He began by saying, in a very friendly way, he didn't know why he continued to like me as much as he does when I write him only insulting letters, to which I responded (having in mind how little was accomplished by treating them with warmth and deference) if he had kept his word I'd have had no reason to write him as pointedly as I did. He said there were so few of us left it would be nice if we could get along, to which I agreed.

He (meaning they, for I suspect that at 1 p.m. he and Jim were at the club) read between the lines of my letters rather well and are in agreement. We discussed some of my ideas. He is in accord with my suspicions, agrees with some of the ideas, and will use them in the campaign. As time goes on I think it possible I'll be hearing from them again.

I told him bluntly I was still offended at their failure to live by the norms of cooperation, and I cited especially his personal failure to get transcripts to me, not only because, as cooperators, he should have, and not only because I have put them in the position to adduce the most significant testimony, but in their own self interest. He promised to send me transcripts immediately. The only ones I mmentioned by name are Regis Kennedy and Shaneyfelt, but I also asked for any that are worth having. I told him I had Frazier and Finck, which should make less copying work and make better the prospects of getting those we do not have. He also promised to send me the cause of my umbrage, something they had come accorss months ago on work I had done relative to the camps.

From what he says they are campaigning, but the papers ignore it. They are speaking to meetings, etc. He is in accord with my suspicion that the very end will bring very nasty stuff, some, possibly, relating to some of us. I told him of some of the things I consider possible, but I did not, over the phone, tell him all of these things. Here he said they hadn't heard from Mark for nine months and did I know where he was and what he is doing. I said merely they'd not hear f from Mark because there is nothing more he can profit from them. We dropped it there.

Jim does have a slipped disc. Surgery may be required after the election. Jim is far ahead of any other candidate, according to what he labelled a reliable poll (I saw it in the paper-40%). That does not eliminate the possibility of a runoff. Connick, despite the po'boy pose, is loaded with money. If you have forgotten, Connick is the DJ lawyer who supervised the DJ witnesses in the trial. Jim is running 'in La!) as a JFK man.

Aside from this news, my real purpose is to remind you both I'd asked you to tell me what transcripts you want. Please do so as soon as you can so I can ask for them immediately...Connick is, I am confident, the DC candidate. He has taken Ward's best support. If he wins, the DJ and Washington have...I think there is only on way they can be sure of beating Jim, and that is by a last-minute durtiness of some kind. Louisiana being the kind of state it is, that can well involve us somehow. We'll